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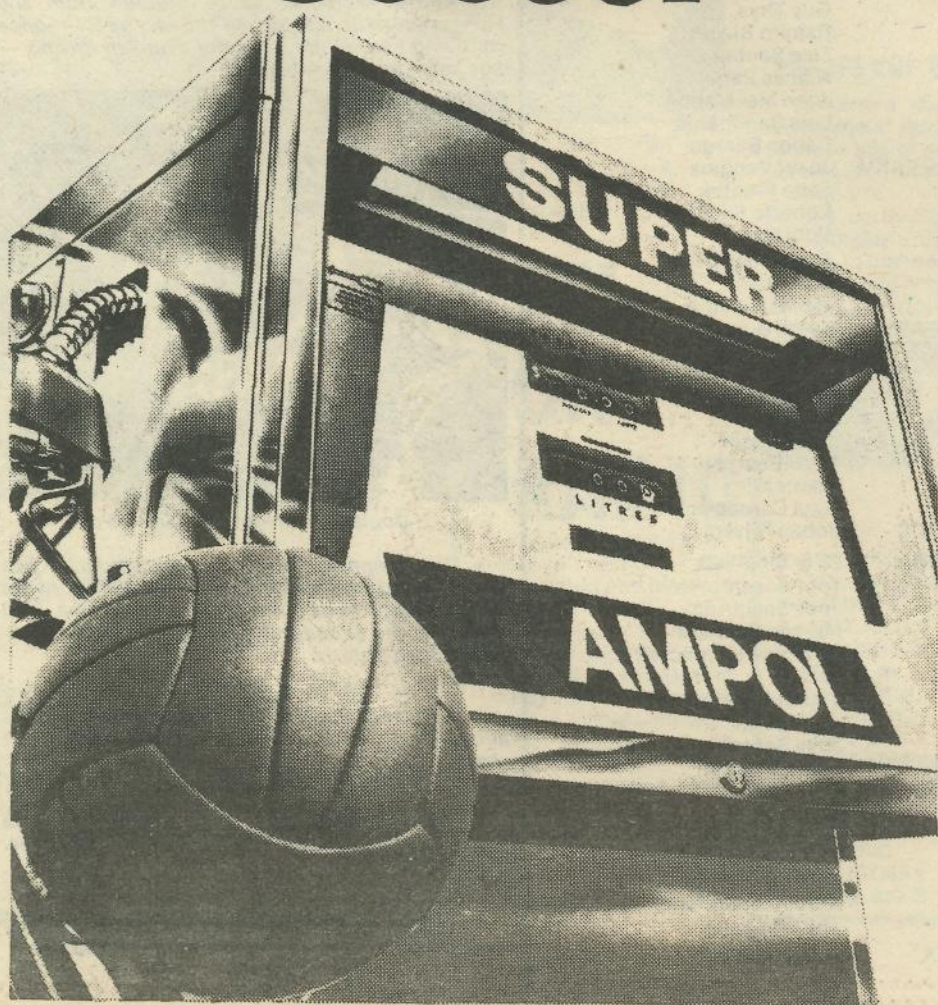
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AT LAST GIAMPAOLO GETS 'ROO JERSEY

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Giampaolo, chased by Newcastle's Drinkwater, in action for Leichhardt last Sunday.

— By Andrew Dettre

And now, at long last — the Giampaolo Show!

The brilliant former Monaro and Canberra striker, Sebastian Giampaolo, 21, needed only one match with his new club Leichhardt to be added to the Socceroo squad.

This will reinforce the claims of coaches and players from non-Sydney clubs that you have to be in the Harbor City to be noticed.

Giampaolo should have been an integral part of the national team for the last two years but was consistently overlooked.

Now, on the recommendation of match observers Les Scheinflug and Joe Vlasits, he will get his chance.

And not a minute too soon, either. Tom Cumming and Jamie Paton are injured, Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic and Peter Sharne are in a bad slump while Ken Boden is ineligible to play in the World Cup.

So from what had earlier appeared to be a well-set striking force only one man is left — newcomer Giampaolo...

• Turn to page 12 for a study of Giampaolo's debut last Sunday.

WORLD NEWS... WORLD NEWS...

FOUR WORLD CUP TIES NEXT WEEK

Four World Cup elimination matches will be played next week (Wed., March 25), all with great bearing on the final outcome of the groups.

In Group 2, Holland will meet France in Rotterdam, signalling the return of the great Johan Cruyff into the Dutch fold.

With two defeats behind them (Eire 1-2 and Belgium 0-1), this is Holland's last chance to stay in the race.

France have won both



Scotland boss Jock Stein.

their matches so far (Eire 2-0 and Cyprus 7-0) and are progressing steadily towards a final berth.

It wouldn't surprise us to see the French snatch a draw.

The same day, in the same Group 2, Belgium will play Eire, in Brussels.

BAYERN LAMENT

Bayern Munchen manager Uli Hoeness claims that his famous club needs increased public support to survive.

He was commenting on the disappointing 18,000 fans who saw their European Cup match against Banik Ostrava.

"We cannot exist on that sort of crowd," said Hoeness.

"If we win this year's European Cup, we can afford to rebuild the team."

Two players recently sold have fetched \$750,000 for the Bavarians.

Jan Einar Aas, the Norwegian stopper, has gone to Nottingham Forest and Juergen Roerber has been sold to the Canadian club Calgary.

Norbert Janzon, a striker, is likely to go to the USA next season, probably for \$500,000.

Hoeness says only success can bring their big crowds back into the Olympiastadion.

"If we don't have the results, we don't deserve the support," he says.

"In that case we will have to make budget cuts to survive."



Scottish ace Kenny Burns

The Belgians have so far played three for two wins and a draw — but their last match, a 3-2 against Cyprus, at home, was a big disappointment.

The Irish republicans have amassed 7 points from 5 matches so far, having lost only once, in Paris.

Everything points to a small Belgian win here.

In Group 3 Turkey will play Wales, at Istanbul. The Turks, with three losses in three games, are in a hopeless position but Wales are well placed, with three straight wins, including an important one over Czechoslovakia, at home.

Wales are likely to win or, at worst, force a draw.

In Group 6, Scotland and Northern Ireland will meet in Glasgow, with the hosts being favored to join Portugal at the head of the table.

WHO'S WHO IN COACHING



Former Real Madrid greats, Di Stefano and Puskas. Di Stefano is now in charge in Venezuela while Puskas is coaching in Egypt.

These are the men in charge of the various national teams around the world:

ALBANIA
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
AUSTRIA
BELGIUM
BOLIVIA
BRAZIL
BULGARIA
CANADA
CHILE
COLOMBIA
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
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ECUADOR
EIRE
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FINLAND
FRANCE
GERMANY, EAST
GERMANY, WEST
GREECE
HUNGARY
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THEY SAID IT...

Nacional of Uruguay players after the recent Inter-continental Cup final: "Trevor Francis is the best striker in the world — better than Maradona." Hm...

Hungary's manager Karoly Meszoly: "The Argentine tour was most useful in our World Cup preparations." Drew one and lost three matches...

Brian Clough, firmly: "Shilton is the best goalkeeper in the world; he's worth some 20 points to us in any season."

Jupp Heynckes, coach of Borussia Monchengladbach to his directors: "Give me three more years and we'll get back to the top."

The suspended Paolo Rossi of Italy: "If Bearzot calls me back, I'll make myself 200 percent fit for the national team again."

BRIEFLY...

Newcastle have extended the contracts of their manager, Arthur Cox, to the end of 1985.

Former German international Jupp Kapellmann, now with Munchen 1860, may be forced to retire from the game because of a chronic knee injury.

Who was the best foreigner of Inter Milan since the war? Milan's sports daily "Gazzetta dello Sport" has polled its readers and the answer is Suarez by a mile from Jair, Nyers, Angellilo, Skoglund and Wilkes.

Poland's new manager is Antoni Piechnicaek, 38, former player of Legia Warsaw and Ruch Chorzow.

Former Hungarian international Laszlo Pusztai now plays for the small Austrian club Eisenstadt — then after each match goes home by train to Budapest.

Colombia's players will receive \$450 a match in the World Cup quest — and another \$1,350 per match if they reach Spain.

Mario Kempes, Argentina's No. 1 World Cup star of 1978, is returning home from Valencia, joining River Plate on a \$2m. transfer deal.

Former goal-ace Nehoda will play in midfield in future for his native Czechoslovakia. The Czechs will meet Switzerland in a friendly game in Bratislava on March 29.

Quini, Barcelona's Spanish international, who was kidnapped two weeks ago by South American terrorists, is still held hostage.

A group of Colombian doctors have appealed to their Government to withdraw from the organisation of the 1986 World Cup and spend the huge sum earmarked for the event on medical and social schemes.

Nandor Hidegkuti, legendary member of the "Puskas team" of Hungary, has returned to Budapest after several years of coaching in Egypt. For the time being, he is employed as a match-inspector.

FIFA has put off the deadline until May 7 — by then the USA Association has to comply with the international rules of the game or face immediate suspension.

Andras Torocsik, twice ejected from the Hungarian national team in the last year — once for being overweight, once for drunken driving — has again been recalled...



England manager Ron Greenwood.

Ray Kennedy, Liverpool's midfield star has told England manager Ron Greenwood that he no longer wished to be considered for selection. "I'm always in the squad but never in the team," Kennedy added bitterly.

When AS Roma beat AS Torino two weeks ago (0-2), it was their first away win there in 21 years.

Munchen 1860, with debts totalling \$2m., is facing bankruptcy and may be forced to withdraw from the Bundesliga.

Nacional's Uruguayan striker Waldemar Victorino, 28, is on the transfer market for \$800,000.



PHILIPS LEAGUE — ROUND 6

FOUR LOSERS IN SEARCH OF REVIVAL



Leichhardt ace Phil O'Connor (left) in a tussle with Col Curran of Newcastle.

Two PSL games and seven Philips Cup matches is the fare for this weekend and the following Wednesday.

The two PSL matches have been brought forward from Round 10.

Through an amazing coincidence, all four teams in these two clashes lost last weekend, some rather heavily.

Which one will be able to make rapid amends?

FOOTSCRAY MARCONI

Both teams are in a lot of trouble; last weekend they suffered heavy defeats without scoring in reply.

Footscray pin their hopes on their new Irish recruits but will be without Picioane who will watch from the sideline his old and new team.

Marconi coach Raul Blanco appears to be reliving the nightmares of 1980 when the Saints disintegrated in his hands.

Marconi, even in their current confused state, look strong enough to record a face-saving win.

Our tip: Marconi 1-0.

HEIDELBERG OLYMPIC

Much to the amazement of all aficionados, Heidelberg are still at the bottom, on a single point and in a prolonged crisis.

Paton's enforced absence will only make things worse for them in the next few weeks and coach Poulakakis will need all his experience and charm to keep his job.

Olympic usually get a hiding every time they travel interstate.

As coach Docherty has admitted several times, his defence is fragile if not naive.

This is the chance for Heidelberg to get on the road to recovery.

Our tip: Heidelberg 2-0.

PHILIPS CUP GAMES

Canberra's clash with Newcastle at Bruce could produce lots of good soccer and even more sparks.

Canberra goalie Wilson, partly blamed for last Sunday's defeat, is certain to make amends.

Newcastle's hopes lie in their powerful midfield

and well organised defence.

Our tip: Canberra 2-1.

Adelaide Hawks will play State League team Cumberland and should romp in.

Their win last week could be the start of a revival for the Hawks and we tip them to win 3-1.

Adelaide Giants, part of the double-billing, will play against the talented Perth side Kingsway Olympic.

Still, the PSL team's overall balance and experience should give them the edge for a win — about 2-0.



Steve Beech (Preston)

Essendon Croatia look too strong for Hakoah of Melbourne and may score a comfortable win, about 3-1.

Wollongong, still unbeaten after five PSL rounds, will be far too powerful for Downer Olympic from Canberra and could score a runaway win; our tip is 5-0.

Sydney City, back to their free-scoring form, will have a tough battle against the defensive Blacktown — at Newcastle.

Still, with Boden in fine shape, the Slickers should be able to break down the barricades and qualify for the next round — maybe with a 3-1 win.

Finally, on Wednesday week, Heidelberg and Preston will meet in yet another Cup match.

A lot depends on what happens to Heidelberg on Sunday. If they win, the momentum may carry them on to new heights; if they get derailed yet again, the very compact Preston could score a surprise.

Our tip: Preston 2-1.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Jim Campbell (Heidelberg)
 - Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
 - Joe Picioane (Footscray)
 - Ivo Prskalo (Marconi)
- for having played their 100th Philips League matches last weekend.



AMPOL CUP STANDINGS

Group A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	1	2	—	5	4	4
W'gong	1	2	—	3	2	4
Manly	—	1	1	2	3	1
N.Syd.	—	1	1	—	1	1

Group B	W	D	L	F	A	P
St.George	2	—	—	8	3	4
Croatia	1	—	1	6	4	2
P'matta	1	—	1	3	5	2
Riv'wood	—	—	2	2	7	—

Group C	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	2	—	—	9	1	4
Fry.Mdw.	2	—	—	3	—	4
Bankstown	1	—	2	3	8	2
Monaro	—	—	3	1	7	—
Group D	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	2	1	—	8	4	5
Polonia	2	—	1	8	5	4
Auburn	—	2	1	3	6	2
Avala	—	1	2	5	9	1



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PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

		AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1	SOUTH MELBOURNE	5	4	1	—	8	4	+4	9	3	3	—	—	4	1	6	2	1	1	—	4	3	3
2	WOLLONGONG	5	3	2	—	10	4	+6	8	3	2	1	—	6	3	5	2	1	1	—	4	1	3
3	SYDNEY CITY	5	3	1	1	8	3	+5	7	3	2	1	—	7	1	5	2	1	—	1	1	2	2
4	NEWCASTLE	5	3	1	1	7	3	+4	7	2	1	1	—	4	1	3	3	2	—	1	3	2	4
4	BRISBANE CITY	5	2	3	—	7	3	+4	7	3	2	1	—	5	1	5	2	—	2	—	2	2	2
6	PRESTON	5	3	—	2	9	5	+4	6	3	2	—	1	6	2	4	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
7	CANBERRA	5	2	2	1	4	2	+2	6	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	1	1	—	1	—	3
8	LEICHHARDT	5	2	2	1	6	5	+1	6	3	1	2	—	4	3	4	2	1	—	1	2	2	2
9	MARCONI	5	2	1	2	3	7	—4	5	2	1	1	—	2	1	3	3	1	—	2	1	6	2
10	WEST ADELAIDE	5	2	—	3	5	5	—	4	2	1	—	1	2	1	2	3	1	—	2	3	4	2
11	ADELAIDE CITY	5	1	1	3	4	6	—2	3	3	1	—	2	3	3	2	2	—	1	1	1	3	1
11	BRISBANE LIONS	5	—	3	2	4	6	—2	3	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	3	—	2	1	2	3	2
13	BLACKTOWN	5	—	3	2	4	7	—3	3	2	—	1	1	2	3	1	3	—	2	1	2	4	2
14	OLYMPIC	5	1	1	3	7	12	—5	3	2	1	1	—	5	3	3	3	—	—	3	2	9	—
15	FOOTSCRAY	5	—	1	—	4	4	11	—7	2	2	1	—	1	3	3	2	—	—	3	1	8	—
15	HEIDELBERG	5	—	1	4	6	13	—7	1	2	—	—	—	2	2	6	—	3	—	1	2	4	7

TEAM OF ROUND 5

COE (Brisbane City)			
RUSSELL (Adel. City)	OLLERTON (Preston)	PULLEN (Leichhardt)	CURRAN (Newcastle)
NORTHCOTE (Adel. City)		MUNIZ (Sydney City)	BROWN (Preston)
BOYLE (West. Adel.)	BODEN (Sydney City)	GIAMPAOLO (Leichhardt)	

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Leichhardt may use Alan Hughes in midfield on the weekend, replacing either Leyden or Coyne, both in indifferent form.

• The Socceroos will play in Brisbane on Thursday, against the Lions.

• George Murray: "To give away two gift goals is upsetting. The boys have let not only their fans down, but also themselves."

• Ken Morton, Wollongong coach: "I saw an improvement on our previous two matches. Blacktown's tactics were deadly boring."

• George Potter, Brisbane City: "Pleased with our overall performance though Olympic had me worried early on when they got on top of our experienced midfield. Glad to see Palinkas and Hamilton getting on the score sheet. They have worked hard this season with very little reward."

• Tommy Docherty, Olympic: "Our boys have to learn to make the ball do the work. They are young, fit, and keen but they have to learn that it is easier on the legs if they keep moving their opponents by ballwork, thereby making their older opponents do more running than they want to. That's the secret of soccer especially in this warm climate."

• Heidelberg coach, Manny Poulakakis: "Adelaide City Giants won because they were more desperate to succeed than we were — and because they were the better team..."

day night. Giants chairman, Lou Ravesi said: "We are delighted that Easybuilt have decided to support us. The sponsorship will go a long way towards providing the funds necessary to run the club this year and to its development in the future," he said. The sponsorship comprises a guaranteed financial commitment and a sliding incentive scale dependent on the club's performance during the season.

• The Victorian branch of the Referees Association are planning a get together with the Victorian members of the Australian Soccer Press Association on Wednesday, April 1. The referees feel that such a meeting will prove beneficial to both bodies. And, despite the date picked, it's no joke...

• Paul Trisley, Secretary of Newcastle KB Raiders and Stefan Kamasz, President of Northern NSW Soccer Federation will address members of the Australian Soccer Press Association (Northern NSW Branch) next Monday night. The two executive officers will expound their theories on how they see the media from a club point of view in what should prove a lively and interesting debate.

• The Northern NSW Soccer Federation and Newcastle KB Raiders have combined to stage a floodlit soccer extravaganza at Speers Point on March 25 in aid of Test cricketer Doug Walters' benefit year.

• Adelaide company Easybuilt Constructions will sponsor Adelaide City Giants for the 1981 Philips League season. The announcement of the sponsorship was made at a special benefit function at the SA Italian Association last Saturday.



PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*							3-1		0-1					0-1	
ADELAIDE HAWKS		*	2-0									0-1				
BLACKTOWN DEMONS			*		2-2				0-1							
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0								3-0		
BRISBANE LIONS					*							0-1				1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2				*									2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES							*		2-1		1-2					
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS								*					2-3			0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS					0-0			2-2	*			2-1				
MARCONI LEOPARDS				1-1						*			1-0			
MELBOURNE GUNNERS					1-0			2-1		1-0	*					
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1				3-0					*				
PRESTON RAMS						0-1	3-0						*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1										2-2			*		
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1						5-0					*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1				2-1							3-1		*

FEW OF THE STARS SHONE

How did the many Socceroo candidates perform in Sunday's Sydney City v Marconi game?

MURRAY BARNES: Played in midfield where he did little wrong, but was not a driving force. One of the 'grey men' on the field he was only noticed when he had a few powerful runs in the first half. His contribution paled in comparison to Muniz' workload.

JOHN SPANOS: Had a good game, but several times was found wanting for speed, especially against Jankovics. He came forward to help the midfield and his tackling, marking and heading were reasonable.

KENNY BODEN: Took his three goals brilliantly, especially the second which he had to take down on the run before slamming it under Maher. He was a thorn in Marconi's side for most of the first period but faded in the second until he grabbed his hattrick. A sound opportunist game.

JOE WATSON: Came on 10 minutes into the second half and although was used in midfield showed some of his old skills. Nice control and intelligent passing made him valuable.

JOHN KOSMINA: Had a very good game, playing the "target man" to perfection. He used his role intelligently, drawing defenders and laying the ball off for his fellow strikers. Set up the first two goals, and was involved to some degree in two others. Hard to dispossess and used the ball well. But could have sent more shots in on goal.

ALLAN MAHER: Couldn't really do much about four of the goals. The first three were scored from almost point-blank range. Should have held Gomez' shot before the fourth, allowing the Slickers replacement a second bite at the cherry. He was left badly exposed by his defence.

TONY HENDERSON: Wandered through the match with a seeming lack of interest. Was unable to ever get going and rarely raised his pace above that of a trot. Nine times out of ten he was dispossessed when carrying the ball, immediately placing Marconi under pressure, was uncomfortable in midfield again.

JIM MUIR: A shocker from the usually solid Muir. Wild clearances, mis-hit passes and

some crude tackles were his high spots. He was at fault before at least two of the goals. Rarely gave an accurate pass over 10 metres.

IVO PRSKALO: If not the worst man on the field, he was close to it. Was guilty of ball watching before the first goal, of failing to tackle and to clear the ball for the third, and of failing to tackle again before the fifth goal.

EDDIE KRNEVIC: Did plenty of aimless running, but was rarely ever given a useful pass. Did not drop back in search of the ball. Hid from the action in large portions of the second half.



MARK JANKOVICS: To his credit he never shirked his workload, but he still had a miserable afternoon. Had three great chances to score, but wasted them with poor finishing. Was unlucky with one brilliant header that

thudded into the upright. Used his speed well, but his control let him down.

PETER SHARNE: Was never once released with the kind of ball he loves — hit a few metres in front of him. Everything was placed at his feet which really showed up his lack of control. Caused some mild panic in the Slickers defence when he twice managed to send over crosses that weren't properly cleared. But Marconi's inept forward line just couldn't put anything away.

— Paul James

OFFICIAL DIES

A Foundation Director of the Hakoah club, Ernie Frisch, died last Saturday at 64.

An ardent fan and supporter of Sydney City to the last day, Frisch was buried on Monday.

Fellow directors acted as pallbearers while Sydney City players formed a guard of honor.

TOP PSL SCORERS

4: Boden (Sydney City)
3: Christopoulos (S.Melb.)
Paton (Heidelberg)
O'Connor (Leichhardt)
Ollerton (Preston)

• Sydney will see no PSL games this weekend: the Slickers v Demons Cup match will be staged in Newcastle.

• National coach Rudi Gutendorf: "A few weeks ago Marconi were upset when I said their team wasn't fit. Maybe they'll believe it now."

• Matt Carson, Lions: "Soccer is a cruel game — we didn't deserve to lose at the end."

• Newcastle hope that their winger Graham Heys will be fit for the weekend.

• Marconi coach Raul Blanco, in charge of seven internationals already: "We're getting Picioane and may have to buy two more defenders."

• Leichhardt debutant Seb Giampaolo: "It took me a little while to get adjusted. In the second half, on the left, I started to get the ball to my feet, not far ahead of me and that's the way I like to play."

• Alan Vest, Newcastle: "We should have wrapped it up in the first half. We lost by a goal from 30 metres which should have never gone in."

• Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "I was very happy with our second half display. The referee could have given us two penalties."

• Billy Birch: "A draw would have been a more appropriate result but I do not complain about away wins."

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PRESTON RAMS HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Wednesday (25th), 8.30pm
Olympic Park
(Phillips Cup)

REFEREE: R. Mee
Linesmen: J. Brennan
D. Fokianos



WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



Simic

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 10. Vasic, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Cerkovic.

Sunday, 3pm
Schintler Reserve
(From Round 10)

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Heidelberg v Olympic 2-0
1978: Heidelberg v Olympic 3-1
1979: Heidelberg v Olympic 2-1

MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 7. Raskopoulos, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

REFEREE: J. Fearn
Linesmen: J. Brennan
N. Karlich



Prskalo



P. Bannon

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. P. Bannon, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Park
(from Round 10)

PAST RESULTS:
1977: Footscray v Marconi 3-4
1978: Footscray v Marconi 0-2
1979 Footscray v Marconi 0-5
1980 Footscray v Marconi 0-4

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

REFEREE: D. Yelland
Linesmen: M. Momont
S. Zoumis



Cross



M. O'Shea

CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. Matsopoulos, 3. Stark, 4. Farrell, 5. Williams, 6. Byrne, 7. Maclaren, 8. Cole, 10. Valeri, 11. Brennan, 13. Brown, 14. Massa, 15. M. O'Shea, 16. J. O'Shea, 17. R. O'Shea, 18. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 3pm
Bruce Stadium
(Philips Cup)

NEWCASTLE KB

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 15. Curran, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: N. Murray
W. Walsh



Drinkwater



McGachey

ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymaszczyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller, 25. Lopez. Coach: B. Birch.

Sunday, 1.30pm
Hindmarsh
(Philips Cup)

CUMBERLAND

Likely squad: Johnson, B. Leane, Parkes, Panhurst, Hawks, Ball, Mahoney, Dobney, D. Leane, Welsh, Reeves.

REFEREE: B. Harwood
Linesmen: T. Martell
J. Woodward



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Kosmina

SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 15. Muniz, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Inter. Sports Centre
(Philips Cup)



BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selva, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: A. Rodway
Linesmen: J. Tattersall
O. Scevak



Milovanovic



ESS.CROATIA

Likely squad: Blasby, Short, Kerr, Kokoska, Bilaver, Tront, Dezic, Adams, Murphy, Mitten, Gilder, Batinovic.

Wednesday (25th), 6.30pm
Olympic Park
(Philips Cup)

HAKOAH (Vic.)

Likely squad: Fryszner, Wilson, Gadsby, Dosen, Rooney, Mallaghan, Thomson, McNeil, Allison, Blair, Webster, French, Gesos.

REFEREE: R. Johnston
Linesmen: M. Momont
M. Gaut

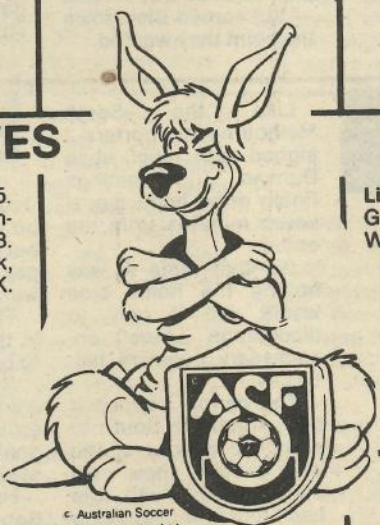


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WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana. Coach: K. Morton.

Saturday, 3pm
Corrimal Memorial
(Philips Cup)

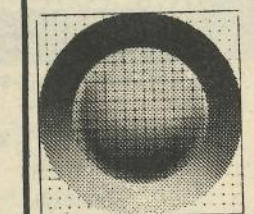


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DOWNER OLYMPIC

Likely squad: Kotsmar, Began, Tsiokas, Kyrgios, Grosse, Tansey, Langone, Mills, Naoumidis, Williamson, Redmond, Campbell.

REFEREE: K. Small
Linesmen: R. Barton
K. Took



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ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Sunday, 3.30pm
Hindmarsh
(Philips Cup)

KINGSWAY OLYMPIC

REFEREE: R. Kerr
Linesmen: C. Barbo
P. Smallman





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BRISBANE CITY v OLYMPIC 3-0(1-0)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Perry (3)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (3)	Wilkinson (3)
Gaffney (3)	Pimblett (3)	Hamilton (3)	
Palinkas (3)	P. Wilkinson (4)	McVeigh (3)	
●			
Jennings (3)	Koussas (3)	Lang (3)	
Cork (2)	Katholos (3)	Jamieson (3)	
Cross (3)	Rowden (2)	Wilson (2)	Ziras (3)
	Meier (4)		

Sydney Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: Hussein (28m) for Cork, Ankudinoff (66m) for Ziras, Low (77m) for McVeigh.
Goals: 1-0 P. Wilkinson (27m), 2-0 Palinkas (58m), 3-0 Hamilton (77m).
Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 2,764 — Cautions: None.

This match was a good advert for the game of soccer.

The first half saw the Docherty kids carry on where they had left off against Adelaide City, going at their more experienced opponents with only goals in mind.

They pushed the ball around well, constantly turning the home midfielders and in general terms building moves in a most tradesman-like fashion.

City were not out of the game though, with the experienced Dunne was reading the situation and finding Paul Wilkinson with some fine long range passing that was causing headaches to the young Olympian central defenders.

COE GREAT

There was some good striking at either end and both goalkeepers had to be on their mettle at all times so it came as a bit of an anti-climax when City did open the score with a very soft goal.

Young Wilson was caught with Wilkinson charging at him and turning, he hit a soft back pass towards Meier who had no chance as Wilkinson strode on to slip the ball past him.

Just before the break Olympic went close with a thundering Koussas shot which crashed the post and Lang sent a long looping header just wide.

The second session started with P. Wilkinson

heading just over and Koussas replying with another shot which Coe threw himself at to deflect out.

City went straight upfield and Pimblett sent Hamilton through with a great pass.

The midfielder crossed hard to Palinkas who had time to pick his spot.

City's midfield now took over and the young Olympians lost their rhythm as each began to try his own thing.

Brisbane tied the game up with another goal from close range after Gaffney's attempt was charged down to Hamilton who netted from five metres.

Olympic kept trying but they were to find Coe in great form for the rest of the match and at the other end Meier was quite happy to watch further scoring attempts by Palinkas and Wilkinson scream over or strike the crossbar.

The youngsters will have to maintain their teamwork for 90 minutes in this company and they will make an impact while Brisbane get better with every outing.

As for Olympic, they are believed to be after some veteran defenders from Britain.

No doubt, the Docherty-magic will work again and they'll be flooded with inquiries.

— Jim Binnie

LEICHHARDT v NEWCASTLE 2-1(0-1)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Skellern (3)	Woodhouse (4)	Pullen (5)	McAusland (3)
Coyne (2)	Kafka (2)	Leyden (2)	
Soper (3)	Giampaolo (4)	O'Connor (3)	
●			
McClelland (3)	Mountford (3)	Kamasz (3)	
Buckley (4)	Senkalski (4)	Mason (3)	
Curran (4)	Drinkwater (3)	Bertogna (4)	Reaney (3)
	Dando (3)		

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacements: None
Goals: 0-1 Bertogna (38m), 1-1 O'Connor (75m), 2-1 Soper (84m).
Referee: R. Mee — Crowd: 4,200 — Caution: Mason.

Two long range shots in the second half and a lot of grit saved Leichhardt's skin.

They were rather badly outplayed by Newcastle for most of the first half and looked set for a certain defeat.

In this period, the virile, hard-tackling Newcastle, with their well organised midfield, dictated terms.

Buckley missed their first chance in the 17th minute, sweeping wide in the goalmouth a good cross from Kamasz.

Leichhardt should have been given a penalty in the 35th minute when Soper's goalbound header was handled on the line by Curran.

LONG RANGE

Three minutes later the pendulum swung: Buckley's corner was neatly headed home by Bertogna.

Towards the end of the first half Newcastle could have scored two more: first Senkalski's header went very close, then a Wilson clearance almost resulted in an own goal.

Then came the transformation. In the second half Giampaolo was switched from the middle to the left — and the ailing Leichhardt sprung to life.

One sizzling, mazy run

after another was produced by Giampaolo and any of them could have brought the equaliser.

From one of these, in the 56th minute, O'Connor missed the chance of the season, by lifting the ball over the bar from one metre(!).

Then came the second "was it a penalty" incident: Giampaolo's cross from the left was clearly handled by Drinkwater but, again, the referee waved play on.

In the 75th minute Kafka flicked a freekick

to O'Connor and his low shot from 22 metres sneaked into the left corner.

The until then well organised Newcastle by now lost their momentum; a draw would have been quite acceptable to them.

And this, perhaps, would have been a fair result. But young recruit Marshall Soper — ironically a Newcastle boy — had other ideas.

With six minutes to go he pounced on a long pass, darted off like a frightened hare and smashed all his hopes, frustrations and despair into his shot.

— Andrew Dettre

WOLLONGONG v BLACKTOWN 1-1(1-0)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Dunleavy (3)	Adam (4)	De Graaf (3)	Ainsworth (3)
Fleming (3)	Lathan (3)	Tredinnick (4)	
McBreen (3)	Turner (2)	Campbell (3)	
●			
Culina (3)	O'Donnell (3)	Wallace (3)	
Hormazabal (4)	Selvage (3)	Djordjevic (-)	
Pollard (4)	Milovanovic (3)	Pointer (3)	Wheatley (3)
	James (3)		

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacements: Rasmussen (3)(10m) for Djordjevic, Milosevic (62m) for Wallace.
Goals: 1-0 Fleming (41m), 1-1 Culina (86m).
Referee: R. Lorenc — Crowd: 5,637 — Cautions: Pollard, Pointer, Lathan, Turner, McBreen.

Rale Rasic and his Blacktown Demons were jeered from the field after their draw.

The Demons were obviously intent on playing for the point but the way they did it led to the annoyance of the Wollongong crowd.

Blacktown adopted a completely negative attitude from the kick-off and continually sprung the offside trap to thwart the Wollongong attacks.

The Demons, often with 11 men behind the ball, came out as one when Wollongong gained possession.

These tactics ruined the match as a spectacle — but earned Blacktown the point they wanted.

JEERED OFF

On the credit side, Blacktown looked well organised and well drilled in all their moves.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton said later that he was sorry for the spectators watching the game.

For the first half hour Blacktown blockaded their goalmouth and the City had all sorts of trouble dealing with these tactics.

Later City started to stretch the Blacktown defence and managed to get behind the line of red shirts.

John Fleming scored

four minutes from half-time and the hosts looked certain to take the two points.

In the second half, Wollongong lost control of the midfield for long periods.

With their attacks constantly breaking down at the offside trap, gradually the strikers lost composure and confidence.

Only Peter Tredinnick and Clive Campbell showed the necessary initiative to get through the Blacktown defence.

Out of the blue, came Blacktown's equaliser.

With four minutes to go Branko Culina chipped the ball over Jim Preston's head, following a mistake by Ainsworth.

Apart from the negative tactics of Blacktown, the game was further marred by a series of petty fouls resulting in numerous freekicks and five yellow cards.

Blacktown are not going to win many friends with their ultra-negative tactics and if this match were to be played again next week, there wouldn't be too many fans lining up at the turnstile fighting to get in.

— Paul Posetti

STH. MELBOURNE v BRISBANE LIONS 1-0

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Davidson (3)	Laumets (2)	Blair (4)	Bannon (3)
Shirra (4)	Stevenson (2)	Rogers (3)	
Evans (3)	Buljevic (3)	Christopoulos (-)	
●			
Constantinou (3)	Millman (3)	Ferris (2)	
Lindsay (3)	McLean (2)	Hogg (3)	
Niven (2)	Bennett (4)	Hermiston (4)	Ontong (3)
	Lowndes (4)		

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cummings (4)(8m) for Christopoulos, Lutton (70m) for Stevenson, Daunt (75m) for Constantinou, McNaughton (81m) for McLean.
Goal: Cummings (83m).
Referee: J. Fearn (Vic.) — Crowd: 5,000 (est.) — Cautions: Lindsay, Evans, Bennett.

Like the South Melbourne supporters I sighed with relief when Duncan Cummings finally drove home a goal seven minutes from the end.

By that time I was hoping the home side would win if only to discourage Lions' unnecessary negative tactics.

The visitors conceded the midfield to South to stifle the quarter of the park around their own penalty area with the back four and deep lying midfielders making it an impossibility to create scoring chances and thus setting the pattern for a dull match.

Maybe the reason for diminishing crowds has been staring us in the face all along.

LION TAMED

Lions' aim for an away point may be admirable but I certainly wouldn't pay money to go and watch them play.

The great pity of it all is that Lions don't need to be defensive.

Ron Millman has always impressed as a striker but he can't score goals when he's starved of service.

His right hand man Bob Ferris comes with a big reputation but again he was given little opportunity to show his skills.

The pair have been joined by youngster Steve Constantinou whose speed would be invaluable if it could be harnessed to provide a

steady stream of crosses.

The goal that relieved the frustration was engineered by South's two substitutes, Berti Lutton who replaced a strangely out of touch John Stevenson, and Duncan Cummings who had come on early in the match.

after Christopoulos left the field with a cut forehead after being kicked by Paul Ontong.

Vince Bannon made a dummy run down the right pulling a defender with him, Lutton darted into the space created and crossed to the far post where Cummings ran in to hammer home past Nigel Lownds' despairing hands.

Earlier Lownds had pulled off the save of the match to deny Cummings from a similar position following a move involving Bannon and Buljevic.

The star of Lions' defence was Jim Hermiston who seems to be getting better with age.

He marshalled the back four to perfection allowing the South front runners no room and forcing them into hurried shooting which was often off the mark.

But on top of his defensive work he also found time to start attacks and indeed probably was the Lion who came closest to scoring.

— Paul Galea



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SYDNEY CITY v MARCONI 5-0(2-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

		Pezzano (3)		
Souness (3)	Spanos (3)	O'Connor (4)	Bruce (3)	
Barnes (3)		Muniz (4)	Patikas (3)	
Murray (4)		Kosmina (4)	Boden (4)	
Krnecvic (2)		Jankovics (3)	Sharne (3)	
Raskopoulos (2)		Byrne (3)	Henderson (2)	
Tomasich (2)	Muir (2)	Prskalo (2)	Brogan (2)	
		Maher (3)		

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Mariani (45m) for Tomasich, Colusso (55m) for Krnecic, Watson (57m) for Patikas, Gomez (74m) for Boden.
Goals: 1-0 Boden (10m), 2-0 Boden (11m), 3-0 Boden (73m), 4-0 Gomez (85m), 5-0 Gomez (90m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 3,458 — Cautions: Muir, Prskalo, Tomasich.

Something looked wrong from the outset.

As one wit in the crowd suggested when the Marconi team came onto the pitch to warm up, convicted killers walk with more enthusiasm to the electric chair.

Marconi lacked any fire: their midfield engine room consisted solely of a rather annoyed looking Byrne.

Raskopoulos put in a shameful exhibition, using none of the skills we all know he possesses.

Henderson looked tired and disinterested.

Sydney City by no means played scintillating football.

Rather, they played simple, straightforward stuff.

Murray on the wing did a tremendous amount of

TOO EASY

grafting, Kosmina took the knocks and drew defenders out of position, and Boden scored twice in a minute.

After 11 minutes we all knew the match was over.

Marconi had no fight in them to pull back the goals.

The first goal had been rather unexpected. A neat Kosmina header fooled the defence and found Boden unmarked.

The second was an even more vicious punch to Marconi's guts.

Kosmina chased a 'hopeless' pass from Barnes, sped off on the right and sent a curling cross into Boden's path.

Using all his skill he took the ball down at full speed and drilled it under Maher.

Marconi's attacks relied mainly on brief spells of panic in the City defence, when first Spanos then O'Connor failed to properly clear crosses.

In the 74th minute Marconi's defence showed them how to really stuff things up: three defenders managed to miskick the ball before it rolled to Boden's feet and he gratefully accepted his hat-trick.

Gomez came on in his place a minute later and revelled in his attacking

role. His long striding gait further harassed Marconi and his two goals were well taken.

Marconi's fans, who the week before loudly castigated Blanco when the team drew with Brisbane City, again vented their spleen against the coach.

The Marconi players, to a man, trudged off the field heads bowed.

City can be thankful that their stars, recently playing as if wrapped in cotton wool, decided to get stuck in. But they still have a long way to go before they're playing as well as they did last season.

Still, who's to complain after such a big-margin victory?

— Paul James

CANBERRA v WEST ADELAIDE 1-2(0-1)

Canberra (4-4-2)

		Wilson (3)		
M. O'Shea (3)	Byrne (3)	Stark (3)	J. O'Shea (3)	
R. O'Shea (3)	Cole (4)	Farrell (4)	Massa (2)	
	Brennan (4)	Valeri (3)		
●				
Norris (3)	Manecas (4)	Boyle (5)		
Marusic (3)	Honeyman (3)	McGachey (3)		
Bozanic (4)	Topaz (3)	Tymczyszyn (4)	Brown (4)	
	Crook (3)			

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Replacements: McLaren (59m) for Massa.
Goals: 0-1 Bozanic (10m), 1-1 Farrell (65m), 1-2 Boyle (72m).
Referee: G. Power — Crowd: 3,170 — Caution: Boyle.

The game which was to be all Canberra's brought the first defeat and for its goalie, who kept a clean sheet for the first 270 minutes of the season, a most embarrassing goal.

Hawks started with surprising confidence and showed themselves a match for the hosts who endeavoured to recapture the spirit which carried them to victory against the Slickers the week before.

In the 3rd minute Valeri just failed to connect with a Cole cross, a move which had goal written all over it.

Four minutes later Wilson had to clear a high header from a Manecas corner.

BLEMISHED

The stalemate unexpectedly ended when a low, innocent pot-luck shot by Bozanic 35 metres out hit the stooping Wilson in the face and the ball trickled past the stunned 'keeper into the net.

A last second lunge by Wilson was too late.

Though the goal rattled the Arrows they soon rallied and were able to mount attacks with some spirit.

In the 12th minute Valeri's shot rebounded from a defender and a minute later Valeri headed over from

Farrell's cross.

But the Hawks' tactics of slowing down the game, and their superior defence with Tymczyszyn and the young Brown excelling kept most attacks under control.

Just in the closing minutes of the first half a Brennan cross to Valeri almost resulted in an equaliser, but Valeri's shot was blocked on the line with Crook stranded.

The second half saw Canberra launch an all-out attack and in the 47th minute Massa missed the greatest

chance for the Arrows when he kicked wide from only four metres with only Crook to beat.

Massa, who had a poorer game, was replaced by McLaren but the equaliser came from the tireless Farrell who latched onto a backheader from Robert O'Shea to fire home a scorcher from 10 metres.

With the scores even the pace of the game increased.

The decider, however, came from a mistake in the Canberra defence, when a Manecas lob left the defence stranded and Boyle calmly slotted the ball home from five metres.

— Peter Kunz

ADELAIDE CITY v HEIDELBERG 3-1(1-1)

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Russell (5)	Jones (3)	Perin (4)	B. Nyskohus (4)
Villani (3)	Northcote (5)	Melita (3)	Marocchi (4)
	Mitchell (3)	J. Nyskohus (4)	
Selemidis (3)	Cole (3)	Bozikas (3)	
Rooney (3)	Campbell (4)	Taylor (4)	
Provan (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	Bannon (4)	McMillan (4)
	Reilly (5)		

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

Replacements: Rankin (65m) for Mitchell, Tasevski (68m) for Cole.
Goals: 1-0 Villani (8m), 1-1 Cole (11m), 2-1 B. Nyskohus (78m), 3-1 J. Nyskohus (89m, pen.)
Referee: G. Neal — Crowd: 3,576 — Cautions: Northcote, Taylor.

This was the Giants' fifth successive home game victory over the Heidelberg Warriors and their most decisive since the PSL began in 1977.

The Giants seemed to be more aware that failure would leave them stranded at the bottom of the league ladder so they lifted to leave Heidelberg in that ignominious position.

The final scoreline flattered the Warriors who would have been on the end of a real hiding but for the excellent goalkeeping of veteran Jack Reilly.

The 36-year-old former Soccerroo denied the Giants with superb reflex saves from power-laden

EUPHORIA

drives by Sergio Melta, David Mitchell and Gary Marocchi.

All of those shots deserved to be goals, as indeed did another piledriver from Melta which John Yzendorn expertly headed off the Warriors' goal line.

In between these heroics by the Heidelberg defence and several near misses, the Giants rammed home three goals, including a last minute penalty.

It was amazing that the Giants should aspire to such heights because they were minus Kiwi in-

ternational Glenn Dods and sweeper John Besir through injury and had four other players nursing knocks from the previous game.

Mitchell, Melta, Brian Northcote and Charlie Villani carried their injuries bravely, although it was obvious that the work rate of Melta and Villani suffered.

But such was not the case with Northcote who waged a midfield war with anyone game or foolish enough to oppose him.

The testing period to establish midfield

supremacy peaked midway through the first half when Northcote was cautioned for a foul on Theo Selemidis and shortly after Ken Taylor was yellow-carded for an indiscreet tackle on Northcote.

Northcote's Kamikaze approach provided the Giants with the inspiration needed to succeed in a tight pressure encounter.

Apart from the euphoria of notching their first win of the season the Giants must also have been delighted that Northcote lasted for the entire 90 minutes and that Johnny Perin made such a fine return after suspension.

— Allan Crisp

PRESTON v FOOTSCRAY 3-0(1-0)

Preston (4-4-2)

		Kastner (4)		
Beech (4)	Ollerton (5)	Higham (3)	Petrovski (4)	
Flavell (3)	Lucchesi (4)	Faulkner (3)	Brown (4)	
	Cullen (4)	Ward (4)		
●				
Cozzella (3)	Piciaone (4)	Kakantonis (3)		
McLaughlin (4)	Mclvor (3)	Jovanovic (4)		
Kyriakouleas (3)	Ilioski (4)	Kondarios (4)	Hazabent (3)	
	Boland (4)			

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: Vasic (45m) for Mclvor, McMillan (58m) for Ward (injured).
Goals: 1-0 Ollerton (42m), 2-0 Cullen (61m), 3-0 Ollerton (71m).
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 4,500 — Cautions: Kyriakouleas, Picioane.

Picioane's final match for Footscray is hardly likely to stay in his mind for long, as the team blend was really at a low ebb when it came to giving the Preston defence any serious worries.

The inclusion of the two Irish imports gives some promise of improvement for the future, when the different styles blend.

The increase in attendances at Preston's home games has followed their successes since the early one goal reverses in the first two games and the Preston musicians keep up a never ending supply of trumpet and drums to shatter the nerves.

Footscray had some early efforts from too far out, and Kakantonis,

BIG OLLIE

Jovanovic and Hazabent could all have worked the ball just that little bit closer before shooting.

Both Ward and Cullen were being well supplied by Ollerton and Brown to harass the Footscray defence.

Jovanovic gave the Footscray fans hopes of better things when he went on an excellent jinking run, showing amazing ball control.

He was stopped at 25 metres by an awkward tackle, and the resultant Ilioski freekick just whizzed past.

The first 30 minutes had given Footscray some hope, but the ensuing play could be said

to be all Preston's.

Lucchesi missed a chance, but he made up for it by crossing for an Ollerton header in the 42nd minute, to open the score.

Before halftime, Picioane shot too soon when he should have steadied and bang went that chance.

The second half was mostly controlled by the home side. Mclvor had been replaced at half-time by Vasic, and this move gave the youngsters Kakantonis and Cozzella more support.

Ollerton's presence in attack was a constant menace to Boland, who really played a great

game in what was actually a nightmare during a hectic second half.

Brown was probing everywhere and had several shots at the Footscray goal which could have all spelt 'goal'.

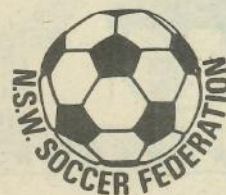
Robbi Cullen then turned on one of his 'specials' and they do mean goals when he shines, to put Preston two up in the 61st minute.

The crunch came when Ollerton positioned himself well to drive in the third goal after an ideal cross from Faulkner who received from Lucchesi, 10 minutes later. The balance of time merely consisted of holding a beaten side, with Peter Ollerton assuredly the 'Man of the Match'.

— Jock Stephen

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



This week we asked the State League clubs two more topical questions:

- Does it help Australia's youth development policy if we indiscriminately pick imported and not even naturalised players for the Socceroos?
- Can soccer expect to get wide public and media support if selected players are rushed through naturalisation in the last minute amidst press fanfare?

The answers provide some very revealing attitudes.

CROATIA



Croatia's president Tony Topic said he felt it would be a lot better if the Australian team was composed of Australian-born players.

"There is not a lot of difference now between the Australian born players and the foreign stars we are bringing out here.

"I would much prefer if the Australian team was fully Australian born," he said.

However, Tony said that he wouldn't exclude foreign born players, as long as they were citizens.

"I was not born in Australia, but I live here and this is my home.

"If a player has made Australia his home, he too should be allowed to represent his country if he is good enough to be picked.

"But I think that picking players who are not naturalised is wrong.

"They must be Australians — whether born here or by choice — before they pull on an Australian shirt," Tony said.

"If the national team had more Australian born players in it, I think it would be of benefit to every club.

"It would prove to the youngsters that they do have something to aim for.

"Playing in the national team is the ultimate honour in soccer," he said.

RIVERWOOD

Riverwood's secretary Eric Smith said he felt the use of foreign born players in the national team didn't hurt clubs' youth policies.

"I think we need foreign born players with experience overseas.

"If you took all the overseas players out of our club sides I think the standard would be very low indeed.

"The game needs character and this applies to the national team also.

"It's all very well to say we should put Australian players into the team, but I don't think the side would be as good," he said.

Eric agreed, however, that only Australian citizens should play for Australia.

"It makes a mockery of the purpose of international — building up for the World Cup — if you use players who won't be able to play in

those important games," he said.

"But I don't think there should be any distinction made between an Australian-born player or a foreign born Australian player when it comes to selecting the national team," he added.

MONARO

"My personal view has been that players who are not naturalised should not play for Australia," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiera.

"I think players who come to Australia to make it their home should have equal opportunity with Australian born players.

"But in the past we have had the situation where any Tom, Dick or Harry is flown out from Europe and after two months people start talking about using him in the national team.

"That is wrong," he said.

"I think the use of non-naturalised players is a definite discouragement to young Australian players: both those coming into the game and those already in the game.

"If they see a new import suddenly walk into the national team it must be heart-breaking.

"I am sure there must be players who have been turned off the game, asking 'what's the point?'," he said.

MELITA

"I cannot see any harm in having foreign born players in the Australian team," was the comment of Melita's president Emmanuel Said.

"I don't think it would affect Australia's youth policy.

"I think the aim should be to have a successful Australian national team.

"That would be able to draw more people to the game both as players and spectators," he said.

"I disagree with the use of players who are not naturalised Australians though.

"A player must show his commitment to the country by becoming a citizen," he said.

"Otherwise, playing in the national team would end up meaning nothing special — it would just be another team.

"I think the controversy that surrounds the present mix-up is a disgrace and should never have happened.

"But how many times in the past have we said that?" he added.

BANKSTOWN

Bankstown's Jim Giffin said he saw some good in the use of foreign born, naturalised Australian players in the national team.

"The national team should use the best Australian players available, whether they are Australian born, or Australians by choice," Jim said.

"It is a very difficult matter to decide on.

"If we are looking to the future I suppose we should say that eventually the Australian side should be of Australian born and bred players.

"But we are a migrant country and it is inevitable that there will always be players coming here," he said.

Jim said he felt that the mix-up with Boden and Yzendoorn playing for Australia despite not having citizenship should never have occurred.

"It doesn't do the game much good when our administration bungles simple things like that.

"In the eyes of the rest of Australia's sporting public we look like amateurs pretending to be professionals.

"We should be able to do the small things, and do them well," he added.

ST. GEORGE



St. George's soccer president Les Bordacs said the question was a very vexing one.

"It is hard to be fair to both sides: the one that says we must select the best Australian players to achieve success, while the other side says we should only select Australian born players."

He said he felt if the Australian team was successful if would attract young players to the game.

"We shouldn't restrict the national team to Australian born players, otherwise great players like Abonyi and Watkiss from our past would have been excluded.

"They learnt and played their football here — for Australia," he said.

Les said he felt only Australian citizens should be selected for any international matches, though.

"There is no point in fielding a player in the national team who cannot take part in World Cup matches.

"It wastes the time of the coach who has to use other players in competition matches," he said.

PARRAMATTA

"The national team is Australia's premier side and it should be made the showpiece of Australia," said a Parramatta spokesman.

"I don't think having foreign born players in the Australian side mat-

ters to Australian youngsters.

"I think it is far preferable to have those players there who can make the team a better unit," he said.

"This all hinges, of course, on the fact that the players are all Australian citizens.

"I think it is absurd to have players in the side who are not citizens of Australia.

"If that happens, then I agree, it tends to make the Australian game look bad.

"But I think the use of foreign born players in the national team is unlikely to have a serious effect on the youth policies of clubs.

"If young players are dropping out of soccer it is for reasons other than that," he said.

SUTHERLAND

"I think it's all very noble to say we should have an Australian team composed of Australian born players," said Sutherland's Laurie Haynes.

"But I think what we need to have is the very best Australian team on the field at every opportunity.

"And if that means playing foreign born players who are naturalised, then they must be selected.

"Players should be selected only on their merits.

"An Australian born player shouldn't get the nod over a foreign born player who is better than him.

"In situations where there are players of equal calibre, then it becomes difficult.

"I would like to think that one day we will be able to select an Australian team of Australian born players, but it should only happen if those players warrant selection because of their skills," he said.

"Whether the selection of foreign stars affects the number of players getting into the game is another matter.

"I think the number of juniors has grown — and that the players who drop out of the game do so for a variety of other reasons, not so much disillusionment over not being able to get into the National team," he said.

NORTH SYDNEY

"I think we've got it all wrong," said North Sydney's Archie Blue.

"It's not so much that the national team is using overseas players, but the clubs are always fielding foreign born stars.

"There is far too much pressure on coaches to produce winning teams — and the coaches usually turn overseas in search of a talented player, not because we haven't got them here, but because to produce them here takes time, effort and a lot of heartbreak.

"And coaches don't get the time needed to get results with youngsters.

"It's a vicious chicken and the egg circle," he said.

"To get a Scottish, English or Yugoslav player on the plane and whizz him over here is a lot simpler — but I don't think the coaches should be blamed."

Archie said there has always been a lot of urging by administrators and the media for Australian talent to be given a chance.

"But in the 16 years since we first entered the World Cup I don't think the percentage of Australian born to foreign born players has changed all that much.

"I think the national team should be open to all Australians.

"You can't go around stopping players from playing for Australia just because they were born overseas.

"But we have to make sure that players are Australian citizens before they can play for Australia," he said.

AVALA



Avala's Kaz Kulak said he didn't feel there were enough experienced Australian players to field a fully Australian born or bred national team.

"You need older players with experience playing overseas to lead the team.

"The younger Australian boys who are being blooded in the national team are our future and they will benefit from the present matches.

"Hopefully in the future they will be the experienced players other youngsters will lean on," he said.

"We should already be using some of our more experienced Australian born players in the national team," Kaz said.

He said players like Peter Stone and John Kosmina have had experience playing in the national team on tour, and have spent time playing overseas in England.

"They should be in the national team: they are both talented and have experience."

Kaz added he was against the use of non-Australian citizens in the national team.

"I think that anyone who is born overseas and who becomes an Australian citizen should have the right to play for Australia.

"But anyone who is not an Australian should not.

"It can't happen that a Swedish player goes to play in England and three months later is selected for England.

"It should not happen here either," he said.

MANLY

"We have reached the stage now where Australian born players are good enough to fill every place in the national team, and they

should be given that chance," said Manly's PR man Ron Beattie.

"I think if we could present to the Australian public an Australian team with 11 Aussie boys the game would get far more acceptance.

"It would encourage players right through the ranks to keep fighting for their places and to develop their skills.

"If it is shown to them that they will be given a chance I think a lot of the younger players would put more into the game."

Ron said that he also felt if the Australian team was totally Australian-born it would help with the image of the game.

"At present you may have one or two European-born players in the side, and so everyone assumes that the others, also with 'funny sounding European' names are foreign born — and they forget the British players."

Ron said that Rugby League players like Raudonikis, Colc, Niszcot and such like are accepted by the public, because everybody knows they are Australian-born, albeit of migrant parents.

"What we have to do is also show the public that we have boys like that — and put them in the national team," he said.

AUBURN

An Auburn spokesman said he felt the selection of foreign born stars in the Socceroos did no harm to Australia's youth policy.

"What does more harm is the unbelievable bungling that allows for a situation where players who are not naturalised are allowed to play for the Socceroos.

"It creates an image of inefficiency and I think that does more harm," he said.

"Of course it would be lovely to have a national team composed solely of Australian born players," he said.

"But we have to have that team selected on merit.

"Players can't be excluded just because they weren't born here.

"If they've decided on Australia as their home they should have the right to play for Australia," he said.

"I can see though why the question has been posed: why should clubs continue with youth policies when the national team doesn't pursue it?"

"But I think what will happen is that clubs will be forced, either through economics, or just plain common sense to look to the talented kids coming through the ranks in Australia.

"And when that starts happening on a larger scale, then the national team will reap the benefits," he said.

CANTERBURY

"I don't agree with the call for the Australian team to be all Australian born," said Canterbury's Con Tzavellas.

"If we want to improve our standard of soccer then we have to use the best available talent.

"The younger players can only benefit from watching and playing alongside players who have experience playing in competition overseas."

Con said he felt players like Abonyi, Wilson, Watkiss and others in the past would not have been able to play for Australia if we had rigidly stuck to an all-Australian team.

"Both Abonyi and Watkiss were born overseas but they were Australian and so with Peter Wilson.

"I agree that a player should not play for Australia unless he is naturalised.

"But if a player comes to Australia either as a youngster or as an adult and makes this his home, he has a right to represent Australia," Con said.

POLONIA



Polonia's PR man Gerry Charbowski said it is undoubtedly hurting the youth policies of a lot of teams when people see the national team is composed of players who aren't even Australian citizens.

"In the eyes of the Australian public I think that is a greater crime than having clubs with foreign sounding names," he said.

"People don't mind the smaller clubs keeping their links with the past, but they feel that the national team should be for Australians, and it doesn't do the game's image much good when Englishmen and Scots walk into the team despite a lack of citizenship, ahead of Australian born players," he said.

"At a grass roots level soccer followers can't argue back against an attack on the national team by league or union supporters: because the national team does contain non-Australians," he said.

"On a club level I think it is good to have foreign stars.

"They can teach a lot to the youngsters.

"But at the top flight I think it must be left to native born or naturalised Australians — preferably Australian born players.

"I don't see how the Australian Soccer Federation can say it wants to make the game more Australian by forcing clubs to change their names, and then allow the national team — the focal point in the eyes of the Australian public — to contain non-Australians," he said.

CLUB PATROL

Sutherland's KEITH SCHUMANN had his leg taken out of plaster the other week and is walking around now — though quite gingerly. It will be some time before he's back in training though, as he is taking a couple of months off to go overseas for a holiday.

Sutherland's STEVE MEADES had his first competition match last week since coming back from injury. He played in Sutherland's reserve team but officials say they wouldn't be surprised if he was promoted to first grade this week.

Avala has been given permission by St. George's management to negotiate with ERNIE CAMPBELL over a possible move by the Saints' striker to the State League. Avala also wanted John Davies but the Saints said no...

Bankstown have already struck some injury problems, and had four regular first graders out of the side last week. CRAIG PECK, GEOFF AMIES, BRETT GILLIGAN and BOB FARTHING were all sidelined through injury.

Avala's coach KAZ KULAK is very happy with the form shown in

recent weeks by his new player CRUJO VUIJONIC. Kaz rates the 23-year-old defender as potentially one of the best players in the State League.

Avala coach KAZ KULAK is confident that his club's present expansion policy will make him a top team in NSW within two years — and likely candidates for the PSL.

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

Both St. George and Croatia have put on a cracking pace already in the State League, remaining unbeaten after the weekend's games.

The question everyone is asking now is 'Who can beat the Saints?'

They are by no means unbeatable, but at present they look just too efficient for all but the top two or three sides in the league.

This week one match is played on Saturday and the rest on Sunday.

North Sydney Inter, Saints' victims last Saturday night, face Monaro at Arlington this week.

Monaro picked up their first points in a morale boosting win over Manly last Saturday and hope they're on the way back to better form.

Norths looked flustered against Saints and will be hoping their more established players show better form against Monaro.

We tip a 1-0 win to Monaro.

The match of the round should be the Avala-Croatia game at Knight Park.

Apart from their traditional rivalry, both teams are based around attack and are going for honours this year.

Avala's key man is undoubtedly Branko Karanfilovski, who scored both goals last week.

Croatia have brought together a powerful combination for this season, and although they had trouble against Sutherland last week look like having a good year.

We predict Croatia to win through by the odd goal in three.

Riverwood's run of losses could continue this week against the powerful Sutherland outfit.

The young Sharks team was unlucky to lose to Croatia, and will be determined to make up for it this week with a few goals.

Abonyi is still trying to blend his side together, but is having plenty of problems.

Sutherland's strikers like Bush, Connor and Murphy should be too much for Riverwood. We tip a Sutherland win 2-0.

Can Saints make it four games in a row in which they've scored four goals or more? That is the intriguing question that could be asked before Saints play Auburn this week.

Auburn shouldn't be as easy to steamroll as Manly or Norths, but they did put six past the highly fancied Avala.

On the other hand, Auburn have two of the wildest players in the State League in John

MacDonald and Alec McMillan, and they are not about to be party to a thrashing.

It should be an intriguing match and we tip a Saints win 3-1.

Polonia, bolstered by their four new Polish imports, take on Canterbury this week.

Polonia got a good win last Sunday — as did Canterbury.

A win either way could come, but we tend to feel Polonia have the edge in too many areas at present. Polonia 1-0.

Parramatta have always proved a tough nut for Melita, and the Eagles don't expect things will be any different this week.

The Magpies have been up and down recently, but can be expected

to raise their game for this match.

Melita had a comfortable win last week, and the goal scoring spree should have helped boost their morale.

We see Parramatta battling all the way in a close fought match. A 1-1 draw is our tip.

Manly, hoping to move away from the bottom of the table, suffered a setback last week when they lost to Monaro.

They will be out for a win against Bankstown, and do have enough ability to take both points.

Bankstown's side, though not much younger than Manly's, has not played together as much and doesn't have the amount of experience.

We tip a Manly win 2-1.

CANTERBURY v AUBURN 3-0(3-0)

Auburn put up surprisingly little resistance to a Canterbury outfit that finally showed its true form.

Chris Thamnidis was brilliant on the day and nothing Auburn could do — apart from fouls — could stop him.

Neil Williams also had a fine performance, scoring two goals, while Ross Brown chipped in with his own to make the rout complete.

In the second half Auburn woke up a little and re-arranged the defence to make it tighter, but Canterbury still created several great chances, through Thamnidis and Brown.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 3, Karaspyros 3, Laws 3, Barton 4.

Lane 3, Bastertfield 3 (Binos 76m), Gill 3, Williams 4, Brown 4, Georgious 3 (Anagnostopoulos 75m), Thamnidis 5.

AUBURN: Bowman 3, McInerney 3, McCannor 3, Prgomelja 3, McMillan 3, McDonald 3, Quigley 3, Leak 2, Brown 3, Daley 3, Gibsi

AUBURN: Bowman 3, McInerney 3, McCannor 3, Prgomelja 3, McMillan 3, McDonald 3, Quigley 3, Leak 2, Brown 3, Daley 3, Gibsi

Goals: 1-0 Williams (12m), 2-0 Brown (40m), 3-0 Williams (41m). Referee: D. West; crowd: 900.

RIVERWOOD v MELITA 0-4(0-3)

A top goal by goalkeeper Terry Greedy early in the first half sent Melita away for their best win of the season against Riverwood.

In one of the rarest goals one ever sees in soccer, Greedy's goalkick was picked up by the wind in the 22nd minute bouncing twice before it landed in Riverwood's net via the outstretched fingers of Ron Gisbourne.

Gisbourne was unlucky to just touch the ball before it went in the corner but he had to pick the ball three more times out of the net before the game ended as the Eagles turned on their best performance this season.

Ray Farrugia and youngster Paul Daley both played a blinder in midfield, well assisted by John Stoddart who continually found the gaps to add pressure on a very shaky Riverwood defence.

The second goal came only six minutes later when from a freekick by Paul Thompson, Gisbourne twice punched the ball out for Mike Berry to have a crack at it and Don Allan to finish it off.

Ray Farrugia made it 3-0 from the penalty spot, after a short

period of some very vicious tackles which resulted in Phil Mikas being sent off and Wignall and Blackburn receiving yellow cards.

The game quietened down after the interval, but with the Eagles still in firm control which helped them to add another goal by replacement Wayne Parker who incidentally was only there for four minutes before he "kneed" the ball past Gisbourne.

RIVERWOOD: Gisbourne 3, Butcher 3, Wignall 4, Blackburn 3, Mikas (sent off), Lee 4, Martin 2, Savor 3, Fisher (Schroeder 60m), Tracey 4, Landon 3.

MELITA: Greedy 4, McCoy 4, (Ver-veris 78m), Cabon 3, Daley 4, Thompson 3, Farrugia 4, Berry 4, Stoddart 3, Allan 4, Martinez 3, Ross 2 (Parker 73m).

Goals: 0-1 Greedy (22m), 0-2 Allan (28m), 0-3 Farrugia (44m), 0-4 Parker (77m). Referee: B. Wilkinson; crowd: 1,462.

ST. GEORGE v NORTH SYDNEY 4-1(2-0)

Saints played well in patches, but also had moments when their concentration lapsed.

Even so, in their good moments they were thrilling.

Some of their attacks were breathtaking in their speed and simplicity.

Both Marton and Walker had off-nights and wasted at least four or five other goals.

Duarte was brilliant at right back and placed the ball on Walker's head for the opener.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 4, Duarte 5, Terry 3, Barton 5, Russell 3, Rylands 3, Davies 5, Stone 5, Walker 3, Griffiths 4, Marton 3.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 3, Henratty 3, J. Bottalico 3, Matheson 3, O'Rourke 2, Porter 3, Youssef 2 (J. Morsello 60m), Mitchell 2, (Rettore 75m), A. Bottalico 3, Dale 3, Wilson 2.

Goals: 1-0 Walker (20m), 2-0 Barton (23m), 3-0 Davies (50m), 4-0 Barton (68m), 4-1 J. Bottalico (79m). Referee: A. Owen; crowd: 1,056; cautions: Henratty, Walker, Rettore.

Paul James

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	3	—	14	2	6	6
Croatia	3	—	7	2	6	6
Melita	2	—	1	8	4	4
Polonia	2	—	1	5	2	4
Sutherland	2	—	1	4	2	4
Avala	2	—	1	6	7	4
Auburn	2	—	1	2	3	4
Canterbury	1	—	2	5	4	2
Monaro	1	—	2	3	5	2
Nth. Syd.	1	—	2	3	6	2
P'matta	1	—	2	3	6	2
Manly	1	—	2	3	8	2
Bankstown	—	—	3	2	7	—
Riverwood	—	—	3	3	10	—

GRADE 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	3	—	10	—	6	—
Canterbury	3	—	5	—	6	—
Melita	2	—	1	8	5	4
Croatia	2	—	1	8	7	4
Riverwood	2	—	1	4	3	4
Sutherland	1	1	1	7	5	3
Bankstown	1	1	1	3	2	3
P'matta	1	1	1	3	3	3
Manly	1	—	2	4	2	2
Auburn	—	2	1	—	1	2
Avala	1	—	2	3	8	2
Nth. Syd.	1	—	2	1	8	2
Polonia	—	1	2	1	3	1
Monaro	—	—	3	2	12	—

GRADE 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	3	—	12	1	6
Melita	2	1	—	11	7
St. George	2	—	1	8	2
Manly	2	—	4	—	4
Polonia	2	—	1	4	2
Bankstown	1	1	1	10	7
R'wood	1	1	1	8	3
Croatia	1	1	1	7	8
Sutherland	1	—	1	4	6
Canterbury	—	—	2	5	8
Avala	—	—	2	1	9
Nth. Syd.	—	—	3	—	8
P'matta	—	—	3	2	13

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kuringal	2	1	—	3	1	5
Fry. Mead.	2	—	1	11	5	4
Blacktown	2	—	1	4	1	4
Gulldford	1	2	—	3	1	4
Woll. Utd.	2	—	1	5	4	4
Bathurst	2	—	1	8	4	4
Yugal	2	—	1	4	4	4
Gladesville	1	1	1	3	2	3
Warrington	1	—	2	5	2	2
Penrith	1	—	2	4	2	2
N. Bankst.	1	—	2	4	2	2
Belmore	—	2	1	—	4	2
Uni NSW	—	1	2	2	5	1
Revesby	—	1	2	4	9	1

NSW TABLES

GRADE 2

W	D	L	F	A	P
Fry. Mead.	3	—	12	2	6
Yugal	2	1	—	6	1
Kuringal	2	1	—	5	—
Blacktown	2	—	1	7	3
Woll. Utd.	2	—	1	5	4
Gladesville	1	2	—	3	2
Revesby	2	—	1	4	3
Belmore	1	1	1	2	2
Warrington	2	1	2	3	2
Penrith	1	—	2	2	4
N. Bankst.	2	1	2	6	2
Gulldford	1	2	2	7	1
Uni NSW	—	3	1	10	—
Bathurst	—	3	4	14	—

GRADE 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
Fry. Mead.	3	—	11	3	6
Kuringal	3	—	8	2	6
Revesby	2	—	1	10	5
Woll. Utd.	2	—	1	7	4
Gulldford	2	—	1	5	3
Belmore	1	1	1	9	5
N. Bankst.	1	1	1	3	3
Gladesville	1	1	1	5	3
Penrith	1	1	1	4	6
Yugal	1	—	2	8	5
Bathurst	1	—	2	5	6
Uni NSW	—	1	2	3	13
Warrington	—	1	2	1	11
Blacktn.	—	—	3	—	7

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

I	II	III
St. Geo. v Nth. Syd.	4-1	5-0
R'wood v Melita	0-4	2-1
Monaro v Manly	2-0	0-4
Croatia v S'land	1-0	4-1
Bankstown v Avala	0-2	2-0
C'bury v Auburn	3-0	1-0
P'matta v Polonia	0-3	2-1

STATE LEAGUE

Division 1			
Bathurst v W'gong	4-2	0-2	4-1
Revesby v Fry.Mdw	2-6	0-1	2-4
Bl'town v N.Banks.	3-0	4-0	0-1
W'gah v Belmore	4-0	0-0	1-7
Gl'ville v Yugal	3-1	1-1	2-1
Uni NSW v Penrith	1-3	0-2	1-1
Gldfrd.v Kuringai	1-1	0-4	0-1

FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri

All three leading teams in the competition dropped points.

But the feature of the round was another tremendous win by the South Coast side Fairy Meadow who overcame a one goal deficit to score a convincing win over Revesby Workers.

Graham Gardner scored a hat-trick in this game.

Bathurst hit back after their defeat last week with a deserving win over Wollongong while Yugal fumbled against newcomers Gladesville.

Mihajlovic put them in the lead early but the Ravens came back very strongly in the second half to notch a good win.

Warrington and Penrith who struggled at the bottom of the ladder for long periods last season, both came back with morale boosting wins this week, Warrington crashing Belmore 4-0 and Penrith beating University 3-1.

Newcomers Gulldford did well to hold competition leaders Kuringal in another close game.

Nth. Bankstown: I. Madden, Wood (Wright), Gallagher, Boardman, Kymantas, C. Madden, Parry, Willeman (Stephenson), Celarc, Ross, Muir. Coach: D. Madden.

GULDFORD v KURINGAI 1-1

A goal by Neil Endacott in the fourth minute gave Kuringal an early lead but still finished up dropping a point against newcomers Gulldford.

Five minutes after the interval, goalkeeper Duggan made a top save from a penalty to stop Kuringal going further ahead.

With 15 minutes to go substitute R. Moss headed a great goal from a cross following a freekick.

Gulldford: Duggan, Allen, Glass, Hunter, Cattell (Moss), Miller, McTigue, Morrison, Stewart, Tait (McMahon), Slater. Coach: M. O'Neill.

Kuringal: Taylor, Robertson, Jagger, Williams (Haines), Geeske, Ross, Smith, Endacott, Carpenter, Gross, Williamson. Coach: H. Noon.

UNI OF NSW v PENRITH 1-3

Five yellow cards and one red card, all against Penrith, yet the youngsters from Nepean still managed to beat the students in a hard fought and physical game.

Billy Hoods, who had a season with the Sliders last year, hit top form scoring two good goals to give Penrith a commanding lead at halftime.

Most of the fireworks started in the second half particularly when University scored their only goal.

Peter Lewis scored the third for Penrith from the penalty spot.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Wren, Hughes, Popovich, Erhardt, Kay, Kelly, David, Dow, Carwal, Graham. Coach: A. Kay.

Penrith: Kristic, Hobart, Gaskin, Lewis, Dunn, G. Beamer, Demattia, Kelly, Condon (Anderson), Thoms (Smith), Hood.

REVESEBY v FAIRY MEADOW 2-6

A hat-trick by Graham Gardner helped Fairy Meadow to a tear-away win over Revesby — the second time the south coasters have scored six goals in one match this season.

The Workers started well with a beaut goal by Greg Gill but by halftime they were in arrears with goals from Gardner and Devenney. The Fairys scored again through Baker but Greg Byles kept Revesby in the match with a banana bender that beat the wall.

However, the Fairys hit back scoring three goals in the last nine minutes including a penalty that gave Gardner the hat-trick.

Revesby: Pearce, Larkin, Sadek, Adams, Pittman, Harris, Gill, Byles, Mifford, Benecke, Mackinnon. Coach: R. Harbour.

Fairy Meadow: Marglnago, Picc, Chilly, Devenney, Pasquale, Charnock, Langford, Baker, Gardner, Lackenby, Richardson. Coach: H. Tinney.

GLADESVILLE v YUGAL 3-1

In a whirlwind second half, newcomers Gladesville tore Yugal apart to score a deserved win over the more fancied Yugal.

Tom Mihajlovic gave Yugal the lead in the first half from the penalty spot.

But then Gladesville came back with more determination in the second half with Mark Nile equalising.

John Woodford and Dennis McGrath scored the other goals to ensure a good win.

Gladesville: Stark, Kevern, Kendall, T. Johnstone, Harrison, Goldsworthy, G. Johnston, Woodford, Nile, McGrath, Hain.

Yugal: Berry, Rendall, Radivojevic, Cummings, Clarke, Coldarevic, Mihailovic, Rathnell (Martin), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski. Coach: J. Takac.

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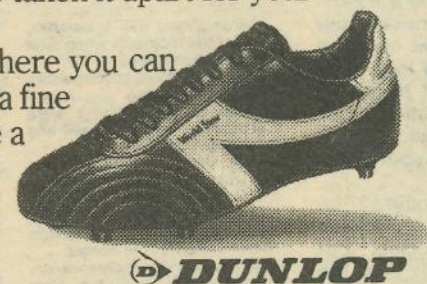
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AMPOL CUP

SUTHERLAND v POLONIA 2-1

Sutherland, playing without several first graders, gave Polonia their first defeat in the Ampol Cup, in a fairly even game.

In the 23rd minute a shot from 20 metres from Bob Winiowski went inches wide of the Sutherland post.

Sutherland went ahead in the 42nd minute when Angus Connor slammed in a perfect cross from Tony Murphy.

Minutes later Nigel Groome broke through the middle but his shot was just off target.

In the 63rd minute Polonia drew level through Gary Noble when his low header slipped through the hands of goalie Ritchie Davies.

Tony Bush scored the winner for Sutherland with just four minutes to go with a 10-metre rocket shot.

Sutherland: Davies 3, Cashman 4, Webber 4, Donnelly 3, Dal Forno 4, Groome 3, K. Conner 3 (Cooper 78m), Watkins 3, P. Bush 4, T. Bush 4, Murphy 3 (Hitchins 78m).

POLONIA: Simone 3, Zounis 3, (Fuller 46m), Bates 3, Crothers 3, Budini 4, Noble 4, Jierza 3, Sookie 3, (McNally 60m), Winiowski 3, Novak 4, Matra 4.

Goals: Connor, A. Bush; Noble.
Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 502;
Caution: Novak.

CANTERBURY v INTER MONARO 3-0

Canterbury gave Monaro a soccer lesson in this Round 3 match and were worthy winners.

Canterbury were always on top and opened the scoring in the 20th minute when John Karaspyros sent a high cross into the Monaro goalmouth enabling Ross Brown to find the net.

Neil Williams added another in the 31st minute when he beat the goalie from five metres.

Right on the stroke of halftime Monaro sweeper Bobby Noble was sent off for "ungentlemanly conduct" after an earlier caution.

Monaro were over-run in the second half and it was no surprise when Canterbury went further ahead in the 55th minute through substitute Chris Thamnides.

He ran from the halfway line to score a neat solo goal.

CANTERBURY: El Zein 3, Karaspyros 4, Laws 3, Barton 4, Lane 4, Binnos 3 (G. Brown 64m), Dell 3, Williams 4, R. Brown 3, Basterfield 4, McPherson 2 (Thamnides 45m).

MONARO: Antonopoulos 2, (Caputo 64m), Crawford 3, Charles 3, Noble 1, Santolin 4, Sheridan 3 (Pozombi 64m), Arquero 2, Valeri 2, Link 3, Heywood 3, Francis 3.

Goals: R. Brown, Williams, Thamnides.

Referee: A. Owen; **Crowd:** 502;
Caution: Childs, Valeri, McPherson, Heywood, Karaspyros, Noble. Sent off: Noble.

— G. Streeter

FAIRY MEADOW v BANKSTOWN 1-0(1-0)

The unfancied amateurs of Fairy Meadow scored a well deserved 1-0 victory over Bankstown, who despite the fact that they are a team of youngsters, gave a half hearted display.

Had it not been for the experience of Steve Radovac in central defence the Fairy Meadow winning margin might well have been larger.

Fairy Meadow played a simple brand of football without frills and with no star players and Bankstown had no answer to

their style from the opening whistle.

Concentrating on straight marking at the back and using the full width of the pitch Fairy Meadow quickly found that their opponents were lacking in ideas and expertise and they were content to throw away the chance to score which inevitably came.

In the 35th minute a long throw in from the right ran across the penalty area and Alan Devenney was allowed time to move in and blast the ball from 15 metres into the back of the Bankstown net.

AUBURN v AVALA 1-1 (0-1)

Auburn and Avala shared the points in this uninspiring draw.

As neither side could qualify for the semifinals of the cup they appeared to use the match purely as a training exercise and consequently a division of the spoils was not an unfair reflection on the performances of both teams.

Avala were the more aggressive in the first half and went to the lead in the 12th

minute when Bruce Tilt intercepted a misdirected backpass and expertly drove the ball past the approaching goalkeeper into the net.

In the 55th minute John McDonald, the two-time Rothman's award winner, supplied the skill to open the way for Geoff Bellby to find space 25 metres from goal and crash home a superb drive for the equalising goal.

CROATIA WITH SLIM CHANCE

There are four Ampol Cup matches this Wednesday, finishing off the groups and deciding the semifinals from only one group, Group B.

Group B has two matches, and although St. George look the likely semifinalists, there is a slim chance they could be edged out by Croatia.

Saints would have to lose heavily against Parramatta (by three goals, say) while Croatia would just have to win to go through.

St. George plays Parramatta at Seymour Shaw in the late match and Croatia play Riverwood in the early game at the St. George stadium.

So Saints have a clear advantage in knowing what they must do to go through.

But I don't think they'll have any trouble beating Parramatta. And Croatia should be untroubled in disposing of Riverwood again — they met in the League a couple of weeks ago.

The Manly - North Sydney match, also at Seymour Shaw, is of academic interest only: Melita is through from their group.

The Canterbury - Fairy Meadow match is also of not much interest except to see if the south coast lads can keep up their good record in the Cup.

Canterbury would have to lose by five goals to be knocked out of the semifinals. We can't see that happening.

Our tips: St. George v Parramatta 4-0; Croatia v Riverwood 4-1; North Sydney v Manly 2-1; Canterbury v Fairy Meadow 2-0.



IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

West Ryde Rovers (3rd div.)

Inaugural Invitation Challenge Trophy was contested at L.H. Waud reserve last Sunday. The final was played between West Ryde Rovers and Canley Heights with Rovers being the first to score in the first minute with a header by Peter Barron. Canley Heights equalised when a challenge on West Ryde 'keeper resulted in an own goal. Not to be denied West Ryde came right back and from a freekick taken 25 metres out Derek Drayton fired the winner. Special mention must be given to St. Sydney and Picton Rangers who showed plenty of skill and went through their three games undefeated failing to make the final on goal difference.

Umbro Cup Results: Queens Park (2) def. Baulkham Hills (1); Campbelltown City (2) def. Marrickville (0); Liverpool Albions (5) def. Bonnyrigg Eagles (1); Riverstone-Schofields (4) def. Lane Cove (1).

In the round 1 postponed matches last weekend Baulkham Hills were the better side against Queens Park though the score then stood at 0-0. Ten minutes into the second half Park's John Deveny carried the ball almost the length of the field for a good goal. Some 20 minutes later Baulkham Hills equalised with a well placed header by Jamie Ayre from a fine cross by David Rogers. With a final score of 1-1 Queens Park dominated extra time but not well enough to score, hence penalties with the two points going to the Park.

The first goal in the Riverstone-Schofields match against Lane Cove came from a Julian Desanti converted penalty for Riverstone in the 15th minute. Another Riverstone goal came 20 minutes later when Neil Christie headed down the ball for George Milakovic to score. Lane Cove came back to pressure, securing a well placed goal just before halftime. The second half saw more goals, from a Neil Christie shot and later George Milakovic for the 4-1 final score. Having played most of his soccer with Riverstone, George Milakovic, 17, gave one of the best performances on the day. Joe Martin has been appointed club coach for this season with midfielder-striker Millei Milakovic ex-Blacktown Utd., the most recent signing.

Campbelltown City's Tommy Stein scored the two goals in his 50th first grade match for the club against Marrickville last Saturday, played at Lynwood at the usual time of 12 noon as mid-fielder, Merv Collins marriage was scheduled for 3pm. City thanked Marrickville for the agreement. The match itself didn't reach any great heights with City being the dominating side in the first half with Steins' first goal coming in the 20th minute from a good cross from Ron Hill. Chris Tracey and Steven Aldridge both had good attempts. The second goal came during the second half when a 20-metre shot hit the far post then the net. The following day Campbelltown has a Gala Day with Carlingford with 20 matches — junior sides playing eight-a-side across the field. The results were evenly dispatched with Carlingford's premiers side giving City good matches.

One further match is yet to be played to finalise the semi-final positions, that is Gladesville-Hornsby vs Nth. Ryde at Popenetta this Wednesday. The semis will be at Stanwell Oval, Sunday

Handbook

A couple of Adelaide journalists, Meno Tout-sidis and Frank Pangallo, produced a smart, handy little volume "Soccer Illustrated."

In the usual format of annuals and yearbooks, "Illustrated" gives an excellent run-down on the 1980 Australian season, both domestic and international.

Here and there — such as in the Philips League statistical data — the authors "relied" completely on material published at the end of 1980 in "Soccer World", but then again, we're used to this.

Although, they could have at least given a thin credit line...

The remarkable feature about "Illustrated" is that it's hardly illustrated at all.

On pages 6 and 7 they do publish two action pix from 1980 — but that's the sum total. Still, it's hard to cram more photos into 56 pages, together with the many details.

The volume, selling at \$1 is extremely good value and can be ordered from the publishers, 7 Wyatt Road, Burnside, SA, 5066.

March 22 and finals at Popenetta on March 29.

For the first time this season Liverpool Albions were able to field close to their best team and the result was a resounding 5-1 win over Bonnyrigg Eagles. Ex-Campbelltown player Dave Sheppard made the most of his first grade debut and scored two well taken goals. Other scorers were Brian DeCels (2) and Fred Albany. Bonnyrigg's only reply was from a well taken penalty by S. Simon early in the second half.

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Paddington Spanish (4th div.) played a trial game against Chelsea, winning 5-2. Emmanuel Isaac an import from Bonnyrigg Eagles scored four goals. Paddington will meet Bonnyrigg in a trial game next Sunday at Centennial Park.

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West St. George (4th div.) had good trials last week against Moorebank and Glenquarie Utd. and are due to play Liverpool Utd. this week. Coach Allan Piggott and wife Lynne celebrated the birth of a daughter, Nicole Christine.

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Wednesday, March 18

North Sydney v Manly 6.45pm
St. George v Parramatta 8.30pm
(At Seymour Shaw)

Croatia v Riverwood 6.45pm
Canterbury v Fairy Meadow 8.30pm
(At St. George)

PROGRAM OF THE NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

Avala v Croatia, Sun., Knight Park, 52 F/9
S'land v R'wood, Sun., Seymour Shaw 93G/14
P'matta v Melita, Sun., Garside 47G/9
Manly v Bankstown, Sun., Cromer Park, 79G/10
Nth. Syd. v Monaro, Sat., Seymour 93G/14
Auburn v St. Geo., Sun., Soccer Centre 54J/12
Polonia v C'bury, Sun., Chopin Park 115H/4

DIVISION ONE

Nth. B'town v Bathurst, Sun., Potts Park 50H/15
W'gong v Revesby, Sun., Berkeley Spts. (Woll.)
F'ry Mdw. v Uni of NSW, Sun., Police Boys, Woll.
Bl'town v Belmore, Sun., Francis Prk. 117G/7
Kuringai v Warringah, Sun., Parklands 110F/7
Yugal v Guildford, Sun., Concord, 30J/3
Penrith v Gladesville, Sun., Cook Prk. 114D/12

NEXT WEEK

Croatia v Manly, Sun., King Tomislav, 99
R'wood v Avala, Sun., Knight Park 52F/9
Melita v S'land, Sun., Everley Prk. 49H/9
Bankstown v Nth. Syd., Sun., Soccer Ctre. 54J/12
Monaro v Auburn, Sat., Marco Polo (Q'beyan)
St. Geo. v Polonia, Sun., St. Geo., 34H/14
P'matta v Canterbury, Sun., Garside Prk. 47G/9

DIVISION ONE

Bathurst v Belmore, Sun., 2BOD, (Bathurst)
Revesby v Nth. B'town, Sun., Milperra Rve. 55F/3
Fry. Mdw. v W'gong, Sun., Police Boys (Woll.)
Bl'town v Kuringai, Sun., Francis Prk. 117G/7
Yugal v Warringah, Sun., Concord, 30J/3
Guildford v Penrith, Sun., Guildfrd. Prk. 52J/2
Uni of NSW v Gl'ville, Sun., Prince Henry Hosp.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

I don't want to be more Catholic than the Pope; harping on the same subject can be boring.

But these risks have to be taken to re-emphasise the peculiar self-made predicament of our national team.

As we reported last week, some six candidates for the Soccerroo team may not be eligible to play against New Zealand next month: Muir, Prskalo, Henderson, Yzendoorn, Boden and now Niven are not naturalised.

Henderson and Prskalo are likely to get their papers in the next two or three weeks; Niven is eligible but has left his application a trifle too late while the other three are likely to miss out.

Is that such a calamity?

Are they really in the Maradona-Beckenbauer class that their absence would cut our World Cup hopes by half?

Let's take an impersonal and dispassionate look at the six — and their possible replacements. All of the suggested players are born here or at least bred in Australia.

At the back, we have Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo in doubt.

OK now, Gutendorf can, if he wants to, consider David Jones, Col Bennett, Arno Bertogna, Steve Blair or perhaps Vic Bozanic.

Bennett is the oldest of them — but even so younger than either Muir or Prskalo and has World Cup experience behind him.

Bertogna, Blair and Jones have been tried by Gutendorf at various times while Bozanic is certainly worth having a very good look.

In the middle, the problem is with Tony Henderson and John Yzendoorn.

Not only are they not naturalised but both are planning to leave the country, if not this year then next, Yzendoorn to England, Henderson to the USA.

So, in the long term, neither is likely to become an old Soccerroo.

Gutendorf could pick and choose from Joe Senkalski, Agenor Muniz, Peter Stone, Peter Katholos, Malcolm McClelland, Gary Marocchi and George Christopoulos.

Marocchi, in 1977-1978, was often described as a future Australian captain and a tremendous talent while, in the same years, Peter Stone was the midfield dynamo of the team.

Muniz, Katholos, Senkalski, McClelland and Christopoulos are well known to Gutendorf.

Ken Boden is in doubt up front and, gifted as he may be, he could be replaced by Seb Giampaolo, John Kosmina, Duncan Cummings or Walter Valeri.

Kosmina was the star striker of the Soccerroos in 1977 — and he's still only about 24.

Gutendorf is known to have some strong views against Giampaolo's selection but there is no denying that this youngster is oozing with talent.

So, if he wants to, Gutendorf can assemble a Soccerroo squad built entirely on local players — without weakening the standard.

Add to the above list Maher, Woodhouse, Perry, Barnes, Davidson, Selemidis, Krncevic, Jankovics, Cole and Sharne and you have an all-Australian squad.

This is how it should be — and should have been for the past two years.

Instead, Rudi Gutendorf has been testing players for two years or so who were not and still are not naturalised.

What neither Rudi nor the ASF seem to understand is that no Australian public will ever get fully behind the Soccerroos unless they feel that it's their own team.

And this can never be achieved with players who are merely visiting Australia even if, in the last minute, they consent to get naturalised for the sake of playing for the Soccerroos.

Let all this be a good lesson for the ASF — and for the next national coach.

Players not naturalised should never be considered even for friendly matches in the hope that they may be eligible by the time the next World Cup comes along.

Let them sit out their full term of three years before they can be selected and let us, in the meantime, build all future national teams on Australian nationals.

This, by the way, was firmly resolved some six months ago by the World Cup subcommittee when, in the process of "Australianisation," Barnes replaced Henderson as the team captain.

Sir Arthur George, who has been pushing hard for some time to give the game an "Australian image," was the chief spokesman for the resolution to keep the Soccerroos for Australian citizens.

And then — it hasn't been carried out.

Why? It's certainly expedient to overlook principles before a World Cup campaign; the national coach, understandably, wants to have as big a choice of players as possible.

It's not his job to pay attention to such niceties; he is himself in transit in Australia and probably insensitive to the delicate issues involved.

It's up to the ASF executive to lay down the law — and then observe it.

— Andrew Dettre

ADELAIDE

By Vic Migliaccio

Only players who can qualify to play for Australia will be considered for the SA State squad to play Victoria on Easter Monday.

Mike Wells, SA coaching director and now State squad technical director, said this last week.

Wells, who has called up coach Peter Jaksa to assist with the squad, said they would also select players requested by Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf.

"We're all trying to pull together with the World Cup qualifying matches coming up and the Coca-Cola World Youth Cup here in October," said Wells.

"Players on the Soccerroo short list will be in the squad and we'll add others we think could make it for Australia," he said.

Wells said he would be having talks with PSL coaches Billy Birch and Bob D'Ottavi, as well as Rothmans coaches, before drawing up a program for the State squad.

Well's appointment follows the controversial departure of coach Brian Dooley, on the eve of the Dinamo Zagreb match in January.

St. George have started on the tough, long haul back to their former greatness.

Under their new manager-coach Frank Arok, they look every inch State championship material.

Last Saturday night I watched them cruise to a stylish, effortless 4-1 win over North Sydney. And it so easily could have been 8-2 or even 10-3.

Arok has created a new rhythm for the team which, especially last year, was sadly absent.

Every player is constantly on the move, the fullbacks are overlapping, the midfield is explosive.

Although, on paper, they line up with a passive 4-4-2, in reality this often becomes 2-4-4 — a tremendously aggressive, attacking stance.

Peter Stone and John Davies are playing better than any time since 1977 — both are much more impressive than any of the current Soccerroos.



Davies

Their midfield partners, Mark Barton and Billy Griffith, though vastly different in style, keep propelling the midfield at an awesome pace.

The big surprise to me was Denis Duarte, nominally at right fullback.

This former striker, going forward often on the right flank, comes closest to the concept of attacking, ball-playing

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher



Sydney City certainly turned it on last Sunday in what I can describe as the most enthusiastic display I have ever seen from them in my 10 years of contact with that team.

They ran and fought for every ball within sight and thoroughly deserved their win.

But before we go any further let's not get carried away with their performance.

We made five elementary mistakes and were severely punished for that.

If we also used our chances — some falling our way through their own mistakes — it could have been a very close game.

Strange as it sounds, I expected a lot more constructive football from Sydney City.

But rarely did they put together more than three or four passes before hitting the long ball down the park hoping that Ken Boden or Willie Murray will pick them up.

These tactics may pay off on a few occasions — as they did on Sunday against us — but against a well organised defence I think they'll struggle.

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I am not normally one for criticising referees but as players have to put up with blasts when we play poorly, I think the referee deserves it when he has a bad day.

Firstly let me say this: it wouldn't have made much difference to the score had Marconi soccer president Tony Labbozzetta refereed last Sunday.

But a few of Tim Davies' decisions makes one wonder whatever happened to consistency.

We copped three yellow cards for "over vigorous" tackles while certain Sydney City players got away with hitting, kicking, tripping, and anything else that came along.

One player went over the ball so high that he nearly broke Garv Rvr.

ne's kneecap.

This particular player has been hunting Gary ever since he got a bit roughed up once before.

On one occasion in the second half I made what I thought was a good save.

Having the ball firmly in my hands on the ground I was kicked on the back of the hand.

In case this has never happened to you before let me tell you that one's immediate reaction is to withdraw the hand.

As I did that — the ball went to the back of the net...



SAINTS MARCHING BACK

Brazilian fullbacks.

There is every chance that he will be, after George Harris and Harry Williams, the third ex-winger Arok turns into an international fullback.

The two experienced strikers, Barry Walker and Dezzo Marton, as twin spearheads, will bag lots of goals.

The depth in the team is enormous: last Saturday such established players as Ernie Campbell, David McIntosh, Peter Beggs, Paul Kay, Howard Hadley, Roy Cotton and some others didn't even get a run.

Perhaps the most remarkable transformation in the team is in its spirit.

Last year they were a dejected, confused lot, feeble and meek, without a pattern or style.

Now they are bursting with life; explosive, combative and imaginative.

Arok says the team won't reach its peak for a few more weeks yet.

So have some mercy on those opponents they will meet from mid-April onwards.

— a.d.

POLISH STARS

Polonia has pulled off something of a minor coup by signing four former Polish first division players, including two former Polish internationals.

Zygmund Kalinowski and Zygmund Garlowski were both part of the Polish squad that took part in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany where Poland took third place.

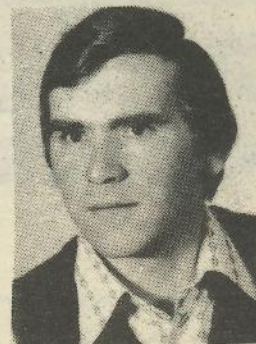
Kalinowski, a goalkeeper, was back-up man to the famed Jan Tomaszewski, who kept England at bay in the memorable 1-1 draw in 1973 at Wembley and who distinguished himself during the World Cup.

Kalinowski is 32, but is just reaching his prime as a 'keeper as was shown when he finished third in last season's Polish Player of the Year competition.

He has played 18 times for Poland while Garlowski played eight times in the national team.

The other two players Polonia have signed are Antoni Galas and Henryk Sobczyk.

Polonia's president Mike Kordek said the players had been brought to Australia as part of a program to



Kalinowski



Garlowski

provide experienced players as a backbone for the Polonia side.

"We want to ensure that our first year in the State League is a successful one, and we felt we needed to strengthen the side with some experienced players.

"All four are over 30 — so we are not going to base the team's future on them.

A WINGER OF CLASS

Leichhardt's newly signed striker Sebastian Giampaolo made an impressive debut last Sunday.

Watched by two Gutendorf aides, Les Scheinflug and Joe Vlasits, the gifted young Giampaolo played a decisive part in Leichhardt's second half revival.

He seemed lost in the centre in the first half.

In the first 15 minutes he touched the ball only four or five times and seemingly didn't appreciate the double cover of Bertogna and Drinkwater.

However, when shifted to the left in the second half, he came alive and gave ex-England fullback Paul Reaney the run-around.

During the whole of the 90 minutes — according to our chart — Giampaolo gave 14 good passes against two poor ones.

He made six good solo runs, had one shot at goal (saved), lost two balls, was fouled once and committed one foul himself.

He lost none of his silky skills or dash which we have learned to enjoy over the last three or four years.

Giampaolo is one of

those rarities: an Australian born player with European skill.

Several times against Newcastle he beat his marker through sheer control.

Perhaps his greatest gift is his uncanny change of pace.

He starts a sprint with the ball, checks his run for a split second — enough to confuse the defender — and then dashes away, with the ball glued to his foot.

The only winger in Australian Soccer who had this ability, some years ago, were Roy Blitz and Dave Todd.

Should Giampaolo be drafted into the Soccerroo squad?

Rudi Gutendorf has never been a true Giampaolo fan.

However, perhaps now, with his regulars all in a slump, he will give him a chance.

Sharne is faster, Cole is more direct and robust, Paton a better opportunist, Krncevic a more effective header of the ball and Jankovics a more willing, determined fighter.

The national team is crying out for a few ball players; Giampaolo could be one of the answers.

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